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SUBJECT: MAURITIAN SUGAR EXPORT INTENTIONS

REF: A) STATE 191577; B) PORT LOUIS 0557

1. NO SPECIFIC REACTIONS HAVE BEEN NOTED HERE ABOUT U.S. PRESS STORIES REGARDING U.S. POLICY AND INTENTIONS RE SUGAR IMPORTS. HOWEVER GOM OFFICIALS AND MAURITIAN SUGAR INDUSTRY CIRCLES ARE WELL AWARE THAT U.S. SUGAR ACT MAY EXPIRE AT END OF THIS YEAR AND HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUED MAURITIAN EXPORTS TO US AND CONTINUED MAURITIAN DESIRE FOR STABLE LONG-TERM U.S. MARKET. LOCAL PRESS HAS ACCURATELY REPORTED ON ALL THESE ASPECTS.

2. PRESS REPORTED TODAY FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL SUGAR SYNDICATE REPORT BY ITS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT, ALPHONSE RAFFRAY:

A) MAURITIUS HAS MADE AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR 100,000 TON SUGAR QUOTA ON U.S. MARKET.

B) MAURITIUS HAS SUBMITTED REQUEST TO EEC FOR EXPORT OF 480,000 METRIC TONS WHICH IF ACCEPTED WOULD RESULT IN INCREASE OF ABOUT

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100,000 TONS TO THE "PRIORITY MARKET" OF UK/EEC STARTING IN 1975.

MAURITIUS HAS ALSO ASKED UK/EEC FOR NEW AGREEMENT OF PERMANENT CHARACTER AND THAT PRICE FORMULA BE PERIODICALLY REVISED "TO ASSURE REMUNERATIVE RETURN".

C) OF 185,000 TONS SOLD TO CANADIAN REFINERIES 41,189 TONS DELIVERED DURING FIRST QUARTER 1974 WERE SOLD FOR AVERAGE PRICE OF POUNDS 175 PER LONG TON (C.I.F.). STARTING IN 1975, IT IS EXPECTED THAT A REDUCTION WILL BE MADE IN EXPORTS TO CANADA IF MAURITIAN "PRIORITY OBLIGATIONS" TO EEC ARE CONSIDERABLY INCREASED. MANHARD

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